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In re Application of:	)	Confirmation No. 3208
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	)	Group Art Unit 3679
Serial No. 10/643,023	)	
	)	Examiner Binda, Gregory John
Filed: August 17, 2003	)	
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For: A DRIVE SHAFT ASSEMBLY	)	Attorney Docket 1-73820

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION REQUIREMENT and  
AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

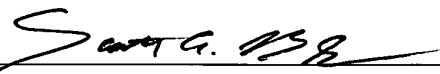
In response to the Election Requirement dated September 10, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects the species of Species I shown in Figs. 2, 3 and & 5. Claims 1-9, 12, and 13 read on the elected species. Claims 1-7, 9, 12, and 13 are generic. The election is made with traverse.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all the species is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one species would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species. Applicant believes that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to applicants and duplicative examination by the Patent Office. The essential difference of the embodiment of species II compared to

species I is that species II includes two elastomeric dampers instead of one. Applicant believes that the search for both species would be conducted in the same classifications and, thus, a thorough search for the subject matter of species I would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining species II.

Applicant also requests that the above-identified application be amended as indicated on the following pages.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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